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For: METHOD OF PREVENTING BACTERIOPHAGE INFECTION  
OF BACTERIAL CULTURESPRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend  
the application as follows:IN THE CLAIMS:

6. A method according to [any of] claim[s] 2 [to 5] wherein the strain in said  
substrate material is not capable of performing at least one activity selected from the group  
consisting of DNA replication, RNA transcription and protein synthesis.

21. A starter culture [composition] composition comprising the lactic acid  
bacterium of [any of] claim[s] 18[-20].

24. A method of manufacturing a food or feed product comprising adding a  
starter culture composition according to [any of] claim[s] 21[-23] to a food or feed product  
starting material and keeping the thus inoculated starting material under conditions where  
the lactic acid bacterium is metabolically active.

26. Use of a culture as obtained in the method of claim 1 [or a lactic acid  
bacterium according to any of claims 18-20] as a starter culture in the preparation of a  
product selected from the group consisting of a dairy flavour, a product for cheese  
flavouring, a food product and a feed product.